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Subject: Access Board Comments on VSS

Attached as a Wordperfect document are the Access Boards' comments regarding voting systems standards. Please let me know if you have difficulty opening it. Thanks. <<FEC VSS comments.wpd>>

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"Imagination is more important than knowledge" - Einstein

"Thank you for your questions concerning section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998. Section 508 authorizes the Access Board to provide technical assistance to individuals and Federal departments and agencies concerning the requirements of this section. This technical assistance is intended solely as informal guidance; it is not a determination of the legal rights or responsibilities of entities subject to section 508."



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Voluntary Standards for) Notice with Request for Comments
Computerized Voting Systems) Notice 2001
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The U.S. Access Board files these comments on January 30, 2002, in the FEC's Notice with Request for Comments on Voluntary Standards for Computerized Voting Systems, Notice 2001.

Allow users to indicate that more time is needed before their time runs out.

The Voting System Standards state the following under 2.2.7 (g):

"For a system that requires a response by a voter in a specific period of time, alert the user when this time period has ended and allow the voter to indicate that more time is needed;"

For clarification, the Access Board recommends that the provision be reworded to allow users to extend their response time **before** their time period has ended, rather than **after** their time period has ended. This is how the provision on the same matter appears in the Section 508 standards developed by the Access Board [1194.25 (b)]:

"When a timed response is required, the user shall be alerted and given sufficient time to indicate more time is required."

The Board is committed to working cooperatively with the FEC in its rulemaking and stands ready to assist

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